

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for holding a flexible hose, the device comprising:
at least one holding area for an at least axial holding of the hose; and at least one one-sided
support area surrounding the flexible hose and extending from said holding area towards a free
end of the flexible hose, wherein the support area has a trumpet-shaped extension with an inner
5 curved surface extending continuously and uniformly from a reduced outer diameter end,
adjacent to said holding area, to an expanded outer diameter end towards the direction of the
free end of the flexible hose.

2. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding area has
a substantially cylindrical outer surface and an inner surface comprising inwardly directed
annular ribs, said inner curved surface having a decreasing radius of curvature from a location
adjacent to said holding section to said expanded diameter end, said decreasing radius being
5 one of progressively decreasing and comprising a first larger radius of curvature adjacent to
said holding section followed by a second smaller radius of curvature adjacent to said
expanded outer diameter end.

3. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, further comprising an
application area for applying the device to a holding part.

4. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 3, wherein the holding part is

constructed as a fixing clamp or clip.

5. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 3, wherein the application section has an outer annular groove.

6. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 5, wherein an inwardly directed lug of the holding part engages in the annular groove.

7. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, further comprising a construction with at least two partial shells (halfshells).

8. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 7, wherein the partial shells are screwed together.

9. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 7, wherein the partial shells [[35]] are interconnected by snap action devices.

10. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 7, wherein the partial shells are held together by a closing ring.

11. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein the closing ring is

constructed in one piece.

12. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein the closing ring is formed by several partial rings.

13. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 12, wherein the partial rings of the closing ring are connectable by snap constructions by snapping in perpendicular to the axis of symmetry.

14. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 12, further comprising rigid, complimentary shapes, engaging behind in the closed position and located on end faces of the partial rings of the closing ring and axial connectability of the shapes and therefore the partial rings.

15. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, further comprising a cylindrical shoulder for the non-positive reception of the closing ring in a radial and circumferential direction.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) A flexible hose holding arrangement, comprising:

a flexible hose with a holdable outer surface;

a holding portion with a holding area for an axial holding of said holdable outer surface of said flexible hose to maintain the axial position of a free end of said flexible hose; and

5 a support portion having a trumpet-shape with a reduced outer diameter end, adjacent to said holding area, and an expanded outer diameter end, said support portion having an inner
side support area surrounding the flexible hose and extending towards ~~the free said expanded~~
outer diameter end of the flexible hose, wherein the support area has an accurate ~~trumpet-~~
~~shaped extension having a radially widened outer end and~~ inner curved surface radially
~~narrowing~~ widening as it extends continuously and uniformly ~~towards said flexible hose and~~
10 ~~toward said holding portion~~ from said reduced outer diameter end to said expanded outer
diameter end with a radius of said inner curved surface having a progressively decreasing
radius of curvature from a location adjacent to said holding section to said expanded diameter
end.

18. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 17, wherein the holding area has a substantially cylindrical outer surface and an inner surface comprising inwardly directed annular ribs and said holdable outer surface is a ribbed hose surface cooperating with said annular ribs to axially hold said free end at said holding area.

19. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 17, wherein said holding portion and said support portion are provided as a single element with an application area

having an outer annular groove, wherein an inwardly directed lug of a holding part engages in the annular groove for applying the single element to [[a]] said holding part.

20. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the holding part is a fixing clamp or clip.

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A flexible hose holding arrangement, comprising:

a flexible hose with a holdable outer surface;

a holding portion with a holding area for an axial holding of said holdable outer surface of said flexible hose to maintain the axial position of a free end of said flexible hose; and

5 a support portion having a trumpet-shape with a reduced outer diameter end, adjacent to said holding area, and an expanded outer diameter end, said support portion having an inner side support area surrounding the flexible hose and extending towards said expanded outer diameter end, wherein the support area has an accurate inner curved surface radially widening as it extends continuously and uniformly from said reduced outer diameter end to said expanded outer diameter end with a radius of said inner curved surface having a decreasing radius of curvature from a location adjacent to said holding section to said expanded diameter end, the decreasing radius of curvature comprising a larger radius of curvature section adjacent to said holding section followed by a smaller radius of curvature section adjacent to said expanded outer diameter end.